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Participation of non-governmental organizations in the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Underlining the significance of the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, to be held in 2005, which will mark the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,¹ the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women² and the thirtieth anniversary of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held in Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975,

Noting that the Commission on the Status of Women will undertake, at its forty-ninth session, a review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action³ and the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century",⁴ and will consider current challenges and forward-looking strategies for the advancement and empowerment of women and girls,

1. *Decides*, on an exceptional basis, to invite those non-governmental organizations that were accredited to the Fourth World Conference on Women or to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly that are in or had started the process of applying for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council no later than one month prior to the beginning of the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women to attend that session;

¹ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution I, annexes I and II.

² *Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

³ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution I, annex II.

⁴ Resolution S-23/2, annex, and resolution S-23/3, annex.



2. *Also decides* that interested non-governmental organizations whose activity is relevant to the themes of the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women and that are not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or that were not accredited to the Fourth World Conference on Women or to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly may, on an exceptional basis, participate in the review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action³ and the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,⁴ as well as on the current challenges and forward-looking strategies for the advancement and empowerment of women and girls at the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, that those non-governmental organizations should submit their applications for accreditation to the Secretariat by 10 September 2004 and that the application should contain the following information:

- (a) The purpose of the organization;
- (b) Information identifying the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the themes of the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women and indicating in which country or countries they are carried out;
- (c) Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international levels;
- (d) Copies of annual or other reports of the organization, with financial statements and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions;
- (e) A list of the members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality;
- (f) A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution;
- (g) A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization;

3. *Further decides* that the Secretariat should submit to United Nations Member States by 24 September 2004 a list of non-governmental organizations that have submitted their applications, which should contain information on the competence and relevance of each organization to the themes of the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, for consideration on a no-objection basis until 25 October 2004 and for a final decision of the Economic and Social Council on participation by 31 October 2004;

4. *Decides* that those non-governmental organizations whose applications for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council were rejected or whose consultative status with the Council was withdrawn or suspended should not be accredited to the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women;

5. *Urges* that, in recognition of the importance of equitable geographical participation of non-governmental organizations in the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, relevant United Nations bodies assist those non-governmental organizations that do not have resources, in particular non-governmental organizations from developing countries, including least developed

countries and countries with economies in transition, to participate in the forty-ninth session of the Commission;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to disseminate widely to the community of non-governmental organizations all available information on accreditation procedures, as well as information on supportive measures for participation in the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women;

7. *Decides* that the arrangements set out above concerning accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women would in no way create a precedent for future sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.
